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CLARIFICATION TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This is in response to the BPAI Order of 10 March 2008 returning un-docketed appeal to the Examiner.

The Order seeks clarification of the status of claim 102.

Accordingly, the following clarification supplements the Examiner's Answer of 03 August 2007:

(3) Status of Claims

The statement of the status of claims contained in the brief is correct.

(6) Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

Note: It is noted that claim 102 was omitted from the listing of claim numbers in the Detailed action mailed 18 July 2005. Specifically, claim 102 should have been listed under item 9 (at page 19 of the Office action) as being rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over AT&T and Dworkin, and further in view of Filepp. The rationale for such rejection is consistent with that of claim 94 (see page 23 of the Office action). Claim 102 is considered to be parallel to claim 94.


The Examiner has discussed this omission with Appellant (see attached Interview Summary) and both agree that prosecution of the case has proceeded with an understanding that claim 102 was rejected under the rationale explicitly provided for claim 94 and that the omission of the listing of claim 102 amounted to an obvious processing error.

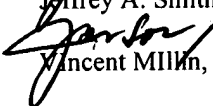
Appellant further clarifies that his response to the rejection of claim 102 should be considered to be parallel to his response directed to claim 94. Likewise, the Examiner's reply to Appellant's response to claim 102 should be considered parallel to his reply to Appellant's response directed to claim 94.

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

The application is being forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision.

Respectfully submitted,
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